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SENATOR JENSEN: Yes, excuse me. You didn't already ask the question did you?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator...no, no.

SENATOR JENSEN: Oh. Thank you.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: The cobra wastes no venom, nor questions. If your amendment were to be adopted, how is the tax money to be divvied up?

SENATOR JENSEN: Okay. Of the 30 cents, Senator, 2 cents would go to the building and maintenance fund, the 309 Committee. And I believe that goes until 2016. The rest of the dollars would go into the General Fund for the next 2 years. And then at the end of that time all of the dollars, well, with exception of the 2 cents, would go into the Healthcare Cash Fund, the LB 692 that we set up last year.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Unless it's decided that there's a problem, and that money should go to the General Fund, as was done with that tobacco cessation money that was transferred out of that program into the...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...General Fund. That could be the fate of this money too, couldn't it?

SENATOR JENSEN: Yes. We cannot commit another Legislature at any time...or not this year, to...to one...two years out.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So do you think your activity could be the commission of an error, your trusting and having faith, which may turn out to be misplaced?

SENATOR JENSEN: I'm trusting, yes, I'm having faith, and yes, I think the Health Committee are committed to that program, and would fight very diligently to...to maintain it.